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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following G.O., R. No. 1783, Revenue, dated 2nd October 1902 :—

Read—the following telegram from Periyár waste land purchasers, to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated Madura Palace, 25th September 1902 :—

Periyár channels water-supply has been unsteady and insufficient. Seedlings withering. Ploughed up fields dried. Kodai crops some places withering. Lake reading 140. We believe water withheld purposely to show your Excellency lake in full during tour. Pray enquiry redress.

Order—R. No. 1783, Revenue, dated 2nd October 1902.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Copy to the Public Works Department.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 279, dated 26th January 1903 :—

The Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Atkinson, I.C.S.

Read—the following letter from A. G. CARDEW, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 3rd January 1903, D. Dis. No. 2. :—

In reply to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5920, dated 5th October 1902, I have the honour to submit a table furnished by the Executive Engineer, Madura, showing the crops under cultivation and harvested from August to September and the duty of supply given from the Periyár Irrigation. The Executive Engineer states that the figures prove that at no time during those months was there any general scarcity of supply. The authors of the apparently anonymous telegram to His Excellency the Governor do not specify to what localities they refer, and the allegation at the end of the telegram is entirely without foundation.

Enclosure.

Table of Duties.

Weeks ending.	Short crop.		Long crop.		Total under cultivation.	Duty of supply given.
	Total under cultivation.	Area harvested.	Total under cultivation.	Area harvested.		
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.		ACS.	
1902.						
2nd August	28,905	181	..	..	28,905	29
9th ,, ...	30,411	260	707	..	31,118	32
16th ,, ...	33,330	372	2,580	..	35,910	36
23rd ,, ...	33,446	549	6,503	..	39,949	40
30th ,, ...	32,818	2,577	10,709	..	43,527	54
6tn September	31,289	4,106	14,644	..	45,933	60
13th ,, ...	30,506	4,889	19,688	..	50,194	66
20th ,, ...	28,563	6,832	23,049	..	51,612	57
27th ,, ...	27,519	7,876	29,996	..	57,515	57

Resolution—Mis. No. 279, dated 26th January 1903.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., R. No. 1783, Revenue, dated 2nd October 1902.

2. The supply from the Periyár works, as reported in the weekly season reports during August and September 1902 and in the corresponding period of 1901, compares as shown below :—

	Supply in cubic feet per second. 1902.	1901 (corresponding period.
		RS.
August—		
Week ending 2nd	1,043·93	1,100
,, 9th	1,000·40	1,100
,, 16th	1,090·40	1,100
,, 23rd	1,014·78	1,100
,, 30th	797·04	1,100
September—		
Week ending 6th	797·04	1,091·47
,, 13th	940·34	989·32
,, 20th	1,040·04	989·32
,, 27th	1,000·94	989·32

This shows that from the last week in August to the middle of September 1902, there was a falling off in the supply though there is nothing to show that it was insufficient for the area under irrigation.

3. It is observed that the Collector has taken three months to reply to the urgent reference from the Board and Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) V. K. RAMANUJA CHARI,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Madura.

Order—No. 121, Revenue, dated 7th February 1903.

Irrigation No. 2.	Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

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